

REMARKS

Claims 1-48 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, Applicants amend claims 2, 10, 13, 17, 20, 21, 25-32, 34, 37, 41, 44, and 45. Claims 25-33 are amended to emphasize that the claims are statutory under §101. The remaining amendments are made for form only.

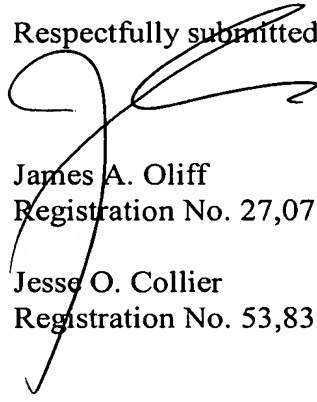
Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Office Action's indication that claims 1-24 and 34-48 are allowed. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 25-33 in view of at least the following remarks.

Claims 25-33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as allegedly non-statutory. By this Amendment, Applicants amend claims 25-33 to even further emphasize that the claims recite statutory subject matter under §101 (see MPEP 2106.01(I)). Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

In view of at least the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Applicants earnestly solicit favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the pending claims.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, Applicants invite the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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